

PROVED A MAN OF HIS WORD

Broker, True to Promise, Remembered Old Apple Woman in His Day of Rejoicing.

"Yes, I has me reglar customers," said the old apple woman at a Wall street corner as she polished an apple...

"Gord be praised, yer worship!" "And ye'll please accept this as a little token av love and esteem from yer true friend."

MORE WORK FOR THE SEXTON

Church Authority Introduced to a Sexton He Hopes Will Not Become Universal.

"Long ago I got used to receiving mail which strangers in town had directed in our care," said the sexton...

"If I didn't mind! What earthly difference did it make whether I minded or not? Instructions had been given for the delivery of the hat..."

"I hope, however, that the custom of having merchandise for the congregation delivered here will not become widespread."

Poetic Justice in France.

The following is a case of poetic justice as meted out in France: A well-known Parisian architect was sitting in his office when he heard a knock at the door...

"Open the window," ordered the architect, and about "Police!" The burglar had no alternative but to obey...

Run a Walking Stick Farm.

Of the many curious farms that have been established in our peaceful countryside, surely a walking-stick farm is the most curious, relates London Answers.

Convenience in New Homes.

Where a new house is under consideration these practical suggestions for convenience and comfort may be embodied: Smooth moldings and plain finishings in woodwork to avoid judgment for dust...

GOOD FEED FOR THE INDIAN

Cactus Fruit is Never Likely to Become Extremely Popular as a Delicacy for the White.

Nobody but an Indian knows how to eat a prickly pear. The fruit grows on the edge of a thick green leaf, and bristles with myriads of closely set thorns...

OF THE DAYS OF BOYHOOD

Memory of the Oltime Desserts Evidently Still Lingers With This Writer.

In the good old days, when life was simple and sincere, when people were happier than now and didn't make so much money...

That foat! There was never anything to compare with it before or since. Those white, snowy islands floating on a golden flood were a dream just imported from elyrium.

And those tarts—little, crisp, white shells filled with jelly and jam or preserves of some kind. My, what gems of joy they were!

Castling the Floating Fly.

It should go without saying that properly and effectively to cast and fish the floating fly it is essential that the tackle be correctly assembled.

Soap Known to the Ancients.

Soap in the form of vegetable ashes mixed with grease appears to have been greatly in vogue among the Egyptians in ancient days...

Standerose Story.

An elderly woman in the recent suffrage parade in New York became greatly fatigued in the last mile or so of the journey.

Very Pleasant, Indeed.

Father—How is it that I find you kissing my daughter? Answer me, sir! how is it?

WITH DEATH CLOSE AT HAND

Merry Throng of Careless Sailors Had Luncheon Party That Just Missed Being Tragedy.

Some years ago while a French man-of-war was lying at anchor in Temple bay a number of the younger officers conceived the idea of amusing themselves with an iceberg a mile or so distant in the straits.

It was a bright summer morning, and the jolly boat with a flag went off to the berg. By 12 o'clock the colors were flying from the top of the big chunk of ice...

As if time and distance had been measured for the very purpose of permitting the young men to view the scene in safety, the great berg lay silent until the boat was a certain distance off.

BEST IVORY MADE FROM MILK

Synthetic Chemists Seem to Have Discovered How to Improve on Natural Product.

One of the latest discoveries of the synthetic chemists is how to make ivory out of nothing more wonderful than cow's milk—and very good ivory at that, according to all accounts.

But it has been found that the new product is not only an efficient substitute for ivory, but can easily be prepared so as to take the place of amber, horn, coral, celluloid and such like products...

Johnson on Melancholy. Talking of constitutional melancholy, he observed: "A man so afflicted, sir, must divert distressing thoughts, and not combat with them."

Soap From Plants.

The horse-chestnut is a plant that contains the saponine principle in a marked degree, and it is said that in out-of-the-way parts of the European continent the fruit of this tree is still used in the simple state for washing clothes and other articles.

Alligator Skins in Demand.

The alligator-skin business of the world is controlled by a firm in Newark, N. J., which buys \$0 to \$0 per cent. of the American production.

The Difference.

Krieker—In the winter I go out to play poker and my wife stays home from bridge.

Bocker—And in the summer you stay home from poker and your wife goes away for bridge.

AFFECTED HISTORY OF WORLD

Influence of Jean Jacques Rousseau May Be Traced to Trivial Incident in Beyhood.

In a village school in Bolesey, Switzerland, one day in the first quarter of the eighteenth century, Jean Jacques Rousseau, then a ten-year-old boy, was severely chastised because he was suspected of having broken teeth in a comb which did not belong to him.

Yet his influence for good was felt—is still being felt. It may be traced in the current political movements in France, in England and even in America.

Alfalfa, Probably Oldest Forage Known, Can Be Traced Through World's Whole History.

Alfalfa, perhaps the oldest of all cultivated forage or hay plants, has had a history scarcely less interesting than that of many nations which have utilized it.

The wars of the Persian invasion of Greece took the plant to the latter country about 500 B. C., it being the custom for the advance emissaries to precede the army and to plant seeds for the sustenance of the herds which helped support the invading hosts.

From there it was carried to South America and later (1854) entered California through the Golden Gate at the time of the activities incident to the discovery of gold in that state.

The First Climbers.

A Munich paper has been searching the records of history to discover who were the first mountain climbers. It gives the palm to Moses and his ascent of Mount Sinai, and rules out Noah for his ascent of Mount Ararat because he made it in a boat.

No one in the time of Horace or Polybius wanted to go climbing for a summer holiday. A Chinese emperor in the seventh century was the first to make climbing fashionable in the east.

Hints to Brides.

If a wife or prospective bride wishes to have a happy married life, she may rest assured that her desires will be gratified if she bears in mind the following "don'ts": Don't marry a man for a living, but for love.

Wasted Erudition.

A physician at a recent convention of railway surgeons in Philadelphia said of a safety device that has averted many railway accidents: "The advantage of this device is now almost universally recognized."

IN BORROWED SET OF TEETH

Prospector Wanted to Appear Well in Photograph, and Effected Loan of Essentials.

Thomas Jefferson Stone was a typical claim holder and prospector. He came from Indiana. He had no teeth, his hair was gray, his features sallow and withered, and he looked sixty-three or sixty-four.

I asked him how he lost his teeth. He said by taking medicine good for neuralgia, but too strong for his ivories. I asked him why he didn't have had a false set made.

"Hullo, Stone," I said: "you've got a set of teeth. How's that?" "He gave a smile of conquest: "I borrowed 'em to be photographed!" he said.

CRITIC NEVER TOO POPULAR

Bitter Indictment, Which Seems the Limit, Evidently Penned by One Who Has Suffered.

Critics were created for the sole purpose of telling the public that it has no taste and that its ideas are always narrow and perverted. Also, that it does not know, under any circumstances, what it is talking about.

When critics die, it is the generally accepted idea of all people who do not agree with them that they are punished by being placed in the presence of the thing or things they have so persistently lauded and are forced to listen to it or gaze unblinkingly and silently upon it throughout eternity.

Drummer Was Lost.

A Scotch story is that of a diminutive drummer in a local brass band, who was in the habit when out parading with his comrades of walking by sound and not by sight, owing to his drum being so high that he was unable to see over it.

Modern Marians.

"A hundred years ago, marriage was for an intelligent woman a necessary entrance into life, a legitimate method of carrying out her ideas and her aims. Today she tries to carry them out whether she be married or not."

Long-Preserved Youth.

An English lady, disappointed in love in her younger years, became insane, and lost all account of time. Believing she was still young and living in the same hour in which she was parted from her lover, taking no note of the years, she stood daily before the window watching for his coming.

LINGERED ALWAYS IN MEMORY

Frenchman Long Retained Vivid Recollection of the Face of His Great Emperor.

The Journal Medical de Bruxelles printed, some time ago, an interesting account by Dr. Max Billard of the exhumation of the body of Napoleon in 1840. Dr. Billard said that the remains were in a state of almost perfect preservation.

BACK TO FAITHFUL STEED

Newark Baker, After Experience With Auto, Decides That He Will Stick to the Horse.

"A horse for mias," said the prosperous baker. "I've tried an automobile for a month, and if I don't get rid of it pretty soon I'll go broke. Still, it only cost me \$15 today, so I ought not to complain."

His tale of trouble is too long to tell all less than an entire page of this type, says the Newark News. Prominent among its details are:

The rupturing of a delivery boy while cranking the engine, resulting in a hospital operation and a bill of \$150. The mobbing of another boy by angry aliens and his arrest on a charge of running over a child; also the suing by the child's parents for \$5,000 damages and the settling of the case out of court for \$65, although it was shown that the child had not been hurt in the least; in fact, had not been touched.

When I sold my horse and bought the automobile," said the baker, "I neglected to take into account the dumbness of delivery boys. I did not know then as I do now, how much I owed to the intelligence of my horse."

What Makes a Nation.

I believe there is no permanent greatness to a nation except it be based upon morality. I do not care for military greatness or military renown; I care for the condition of the people among whom I live. Crowns, coronets, mitres, military display, the pomp of war, wide colonies and a huge empire are, in my view, all trifling light as air, and not worth considering, unless with them you can have a fair share of comfort, contentment and happiness among the great body of the people.

Makes Death Doubly Sure.

To make doubly sure of death, Max W. Beck, an optician having an office at 104 Fulton street, Manhattan, sent a bullet into his brain after preparing to end his life by inhaling gas at his home, 336 Goldfield street, Hoboken. He had been in poor health for some time.

Time for Recreation.

"Old at forty is not conservatism, it is brutality," declared Dr. John B. Andrews of New York. Dr. Andrews called forcible attention to the seven-day-a-week workers of the country, declaring it the duty of every factory inspector to work to the end that every worker in the United States shall be able to obtain one day a week in which to enjoy home life, which we have been taught to regard as the foundation of our social system.

By Contrast.

Hewitt—How do you like your new suit? Jewett—It's so small that every time I get home I feel like the greatest living American.—Women's Home Companion.